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SUBJECT: FY 05 IV PROGRAM: SRI LANKAN NOMINEE FOR MRP

"ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT AND BUSINESS"

JULY 28-AUGUST 18, 2005

PROJECT NO. E/VM 2005-0035

REF: COLOMBO 00765

1. Post nominates Ms. Hana "Ibrahim" Associate Editor,
"Sunday Observer" newspaper for participation in subject
project. Post confirms that this nomination has "full
Country Team approval."

2. Nomination is as follows:

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START NOMINATION:

ECA-OFFICE: E/VGN

PROG-AGENCY-NAME:

POST-PROJ-ID: 117

ECA-PROJ-NO: E/VM-2005-0035

PROJ-NAME: Accountability in Government and Business - July

28-August 18, 2005

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END MEMO PROJ-DESC:

PROJ-TYPE: Multi-Regional

PROG-TYPE: IV Grant Visitor

FY: 2004

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SESSION-DATE: 07/28/2005

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This nomination is in support of MPP goal on "Democratic
Systems and Practices"

END MEMO POST-OBJ:

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PROG-AGENCY-ID:

PROJ-TYPE-ID: MRP

PROG-TYPE-ID: 29

NOMINATING-POST-ID: 2929

FUNDING-CNTRY-ID:

STATUS: N

ORIGINATOR: U

SUBJ-DISC: Anti-Corruption

START BIO:

PREFIX: Ms.

F-NAME: Bishrul

M-NAME: Hana

L-NAME: IBRAHIM

SUFFIX:

POSITION-CODE: 622

PRINCIPAL?: Yes

M-ADDR1: Observer Editorial

M-ADDR2: Associated Newspapers of Ceylon Ltd

M-ADDR3: 35 D.R. Wijewardene Mawatha

M-CITY: Colombo 10

M-STATE:

M-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

M-ZONE:

M-ZIP:

M-PHONE: (94-11) 242-9232

M-FAX: (94-11) 242-9230

M-EMAIL: hana.suo@lakehouse.lk

M-CNTRY-ID: CE

M-ADDRTYPE: B

GENDER: F

DOB: 01/17/1961

MAR-STAT: S

BIRTH-CITY: Galle

BIRTH-CNTRY: Sri Lanka

CITIZ-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
RES-CNTRY: Sri Lanka
START MEMO POSITION:
Associate Editor, Sunday Observer, January 2003- to date
END MEMO POSITION:
START MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:

END MEMO OTHER-POSITIONS:
START MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
2002-2003 - Editor-Features, Sunday Observer Magazine
2001 - News Editor, Daily Observer
1998-2000 - Editor - Junior News, Gulf News
END MEMO PREV-POSITIONS:
START MEMO US-TRAVEL:
1985 - Participant at AED program
END MEMO US-TRAVEL:
START MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
Norway - May 2002 - on invitation of Norwegian Government -
educational tour
END MEMO OTHER-TRAVEL:
START MEMO EDUCATION:
Diploma in Journalism, University of Colombo, 1983
END MEMO EDUCATION:
START MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:

END MEMO MEMBERSHIPS:
START MEMO PUBLICATIONS:

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This nomination is in support of MPP goal on "Democratic
Systems and Practices"
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START MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:

END MEMO NOM-POST-RCMD:
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END MEMO VIS-OBJ:
START MEMO VIS-REC:

END MEMO VIS-REC:
NOMINATING-OFFICER: Bruce Lohof
START MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
Hana Ibrahim, a senior journalist, has contributed to
several Sri Lankan newspapers and a host of tabloids over
the past twenty-five years. Although she is the Associate
Editor of a government-owned newspaper, she an apolitical
journalist. Her feature articles range from gender
issues; social concerns such as poverty, migrant labor and
AIDS; refugee situation in Sri Lanka and elsewhere;
cultural and ethnic conflicts, specifically in Sudan,
Somalia, Bosnia, and Sri Lanka; and investigative features
on drug abuse, drug trafficking, child labor and garment
factory workers. Her visit to the US to participate in AED
program in 1985, did not give her exposure to the American
media. An opportunity to participate in the MRP on
"Accountability in Government and Business," would give Ms.
Ibrahim the experience and knowledge to portray a balanced
picture of the American media and society.
This nomination has "full Country Team approval."

END MEMO NOMINATING-JUSTIFICATION:
NOM-OFF: Public Affairs
SPEAKER?: No
NOTIFY-EMB: Yes
MEDIA?: No
HOME-STAY: Yes
HOME-HOSP?: Yes
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INTL-ORG-AMOUNT2: 0
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COMMISSION: 0
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VIS-AMOUNT: 0
VIS-CAT: 5
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13. Please advice acceptance of this nomination.
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